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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Committee Members

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Special Assistant to the DDCI

SUBJECT

: Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,

18 June 1980

1. The Executive Committee met on 18 June 1980 to review and reach decisions on the SIS award allocation system and several other personnel topics. Mr. Carlucci chaired the session; participants included Messrs. McMahon (DDO), Clarke (D/NFAC), Wortman (DDA), Taylor (ADDS&T), Lipton (Compt.), (D/DCI/RMS), Briggs (IG), and Fitzwater (Vice Chairman, E Career Service/D/OPPPM). (AIUO)

- 2. Mr. Fitzwater asked the Committee to consider whether current Agency policy regarding Quality Step Increases (QSIs) should be reaffirmed or revised. The question surfaced because of the recent high volume of QSI recommendations and differences in interpretation of current QSI policy. He explained that OPPPM interprets the criteria in the 1962 legislation authorizing QSIs -- "Sustained high quality performance" -- as requiring at least an overall 6 rating in the current Performance Appraisal Report. People in PRA status are not considered eligible. Components, however, have been recommending people with overall 5 ratings, usually on the basis of a single noteworthy achievement, as well as people in PRA status. Mr. Clarke outlined NFAC's rationale for appealing a recent OPPPM disapproval of a QSI recommendation. After some discussion, the Committee reaffirmed current QSI policy, noting that incentive awards are the appropriate mechanisms for rewarding singular achievements. The DDCI requested OPPPM, however, to review the adequacy of incentive award policy and levels. OPPPM should appropriately publicize both the QSI and incentive award systems. (AIUO)
- 3. Noting the low rate of response to OPPPM's request for line review of Recruitment Guides and for projections of expected component vacancies, Mr. Fitzwater urged members to have their components provide the necessary information. The DDCI reinforced the OPPPM plea. (AIUO)
- 4. Mr. Fitzwater then briefed the Committee on the SIS sabbatical policy approved by the DDCI on-30 May. A discussion ensued. Later in the meeting, the DDCI concurred with Mr. Clarke's suggestion that OPPPM revise the sabbatical policy to make it consistent with the SIS decision stating that people on developmental or training assignments (including sabbaticals) will be considered for SIS performance awards. (AINO)

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- 5. The Committee then reviewed OPPPM's Issues Paper on the SIS Performance Award Program (previously distributed as attachment to EXCOM 9076-80, 12 June 1980). A summary of the discussion and decisions reached follows:
 - o Issue 1, Boards and panels.

 Decision: Option C Boards and panels will be required to make recommendations for awards and stipends.
 - o Issue 2, Organizational evaluation as a factor in allocating awards.

Discussion: Awards will be allocated to the Directorates and the DCI area on a pro rata basis with the DCI/DDCI maintaining a reserve, tentatively about 15 percent, to be used to correct any inequities and to serve as incentives for unusually deserving components.

<u>Decision</u>: Option C — Awards will be allocated on the basis of a combination of individual performance and organizational evaluation.

o Issue 3, Structure of allocations and establishing a DCI/DDCI reserve.

Discussion: In response to Mr. Taylor's comment, Mr. Fitzwater said that the issue of DDS&T's supergrade ceiling would be resolved.

Decision: Option A — Allocate awards to the Directorate Deputy Directors and the DCI area based on 50 percent of their total on-duty strength for SIS-1, 2, 3 and 4 and establish a DCI/DDCI reserve.

o Issue 4, Who approves awards?

<u>Discussion</u>: The DCI/ DDCI, not the Chairman of the E Career Service, will make relevant decisions for E Career Service SIS members, based on recommendations submitted by the independent office/staff heads.

Decision: Option B — The DCI/DDCI exercises final approval authority for all SIS awards (based on recommendations from the Career Services).

o Issue 5, Who initiates awards action on officers transferred during the rating period?

Decision: Option B — The current rating officer.

o Issue 6, How should awards for officers from one Career Service serving in another Directorate be charged?

Discussion: To provide positive incentives for rotation, neither the host Directorate nor the people on rotation should be penalized.

<u>Decision</u>: Option C — Provide Directorates with a separate award allocation for noncareerists, with any unused portion reverting to the DCI/DDCI reserve. (Directorate on-duty strength figures will be adjusted appropriately.)

o Issue 7, How should awards for officers from one Career Service serving in another Directorate be considered?

<u>Decision</u>: Option A — Current supervisor initiates awards recommendation which is considered by the host Directorate chain of command.

o Issue 8, Procedures/considerations for officers on

(a) developmental assignments, (b) promoted to SIS during
the reporting period, or (c) retiring during the reporting
period.

Discussion: A fourth special category should be added to cover officers serving on detail outside the Agency. Panels will be responsible for ensuring officers in all four categories are appropriately considered for awards.

<u>Decision</u>: Option A — Provide full consideration to SIS officers in each category.

o Issue 9, Should recipients of stipends also receive performance awards?

Discussion: Because of the salary ceilings, recipients will not realize the full monetary benefit of receiving both awards. If SIS members are nominated for stipends, but do not receive them, they will receive performance awards.

Decision: Option B — Stipend recipients will not receive performance awards.

o Issue 10, Paperwork required.

Discussion: Mr. Clarke suggested that OPPPM revise the recommendation award form.

<u>Decision</u>: Option A -- Limit additional paperwork to an awards recommendation form and a memorandum for rank stipends.

o Issue 11, Publicity.

<u>Discussion:</u> Cover concerns and IG concerns regarding potential complaints argue against publicity.

<u>Decision</u>: Option B — Provide publicity on the awards program procedures, but do not publish the names of award and stipend recipients.

o Issue 12, Who will present the awards?

Decision: Option B — The DCI/DDCI will
present all performance awards (by letter). (AIUO)

6. Mr. Carlucci adjourned the meeting. (AIUO)

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The Committee agreed to submit the proposed program with the modifications that had been suggested during the two review sessions. The need to obtain zero plus 7 to 10 percent growth to meet Agency needs was reiterated throughout the two sessions. In its discussion to determine where to end the recommended program submission, the Committee agreed on the following:

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